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A JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE Department of Health and Environmental Control, RELATING TO Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries, designated as Regulation Document Number 5265, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the S.C. Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44‑7‑250 and ‑260(A)(1), the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) establishes and enforces minimum standards for the licensure, maintenance, and operation of hospitals to ensure the safe and appropriate treatment of persons served in this state. The Department proposes to amend the R.61‑16 for consistency with current statutory requirements, update and revise definitions, licensure requirements, staff and training, reporting, disaster management, accommodations for patients, patient care and services, design and construction, fire protection and life safety, and policies and procedures. It contains a section‑by‑section discussion and justification for the proposed amendments. The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1‑23‑120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

The Department had a Notice of Drafting published in the July 28, 2023, *South Carolina State Register*.

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